

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No.: 10/590,774 Confirmation No. 2467  
Applicant: R. NEUMANN et al.  
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Title: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR THE AUTOMATED  
PROCESSING OF MEAT  
Art Unit: 3643  
Examiner: D.J. Parsley  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated October 31, 2008, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.

Petition for a Two-month Extension of Time and the required fee accompany this paper.